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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

This Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 19, 2002, in which all claims were rejected. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the now claimed invention. Please amend the application as follows:

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING AMENDED CLAIMS

Claim 3. The canister of claim 1 further comprising a number of internal ribs extending lengthwise along the interior of the front walls and side walls to secure the test devices within the canister.

Claim 4. The canister of claim 2 further comprising a mounting flange extending slightly below the bottom end portion so that the canister may be secured within a mounting groove in a vertical position.